

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICES

07/30/2003

Applications for the following projects are currently being reviewed for consideration of Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. If you wish to be informed of the status and/or final certification action on any of these projects and/or for further information, please contact Parvaneh Khayat at (213) 576-5733 or Valerie Carrillo at (213) 576-6759.

We encourage public input during the certification process. Comments on any of these projects may be submitted in writing to:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Attn: Nonpoint Source Unit

Includes notices from 7/13/03 to 7/29/03:

Project Proponent: City of Casitas Springs
Agent:
Project Name: Ventura River Bank Protection Upgrade Project
Receiving Water: Ventura River, tributary to the Pacific Ocean
City/County: Casitas Springs/ Ventura
Project Status:
Comment Period: 7/13/03 to 8/1/03
Project Description: The purpose of this project is to improve 5,350 linear feet of the existing Ventura River Levee to provide flood protection to the nearby community of Casitas Springs.

Restablishing the access road on top of the levee adding a vehicle turnaround to the northern terminus of the levee access road, relocating approximately 210 feet of the Ojai Valley Trail, and adding 368 feet of flood wall along the levee located adjacent to the Arroyo Mobile Home Park. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project to compensate for environmental impacts resulting from project construction.

Project Proponent: Golden Valley Estates, LLC
Agent: PCR Consulting Services, Inc.
Project Name: Friendly Valley Elevent
Receiving Water: seven unnamed tributaries, tributary to the Santa Clara River
City/County: Santa Clarita/ Los Angeles
Project Status:
Comment Period: 7/23/03 to 8/22/03
Project Description: The site encompasses approximately 25 acres located within the City of Santa Clarita. Development in the area includes a high school to the west, a single family residential community to the north, Friendly Valley Golf Course to the east, and the Friendly Valley Retirement Community to the south. Tentative Tract Map 52385 involves the development of 44 condominium residential units on six lots and two open space lots, and a lot to be dedicated to the William S. Hart School District on a 26.88-acre site. Access to the site would be provided via Circle Knoll Court.

Project Proponent: City of Rosemead
Agent: Willdan
Project Name: Garvey Avenue Bridge Reconstruction over the Rio Hondo Channel
Receiving Water: Rio Hondo, Whittier Narrows Dam, Los Angeles River and Pacific Ocean
City/County: Rosemead/ Los Angeles
Project Status:
Comment Period: 7/23/03 to 8/22/03

Project Description: The proposed project consists of the replacement of the Garvey Avenue Bridge over the Rio Hondo Channel. The existing bridge was built in 1936 and consists of continuous concrete tee beams over nine, 67-foot and two, 26-foot spans. The bridge is approximately 655 feet long and approximately 52 feet wide. The approach roadway width is 78 feet and the Average Daily Traffic of Garvey Avenue is 26,000 vehicles. The proposed project also involves improvements to the Rio Hondo Channel. The current equestrian trail does not have an adequate crossing of Garvey Avenue. The proposed project includes the relocation of the existing equestrian trail currently on the landward side of the west levee will be relocated within the channel passing under the new bridge structure similarly to the existing maintenance road/bike/pedestrian trail on the easterly levee.

Project Proponent: Bridlevast, Inc.
Agent: Environmental & Regulatory Specialists, Inc.
Project Name: Tract 52047, County of LA
Receiving Water:
City/County: unincorporated area - West Covina/ Los Angeles
Project Status:
Comment Period: 7/23/03 to 8/22/03
Project Description: Tract Map 52047 allows development of 39 single family residential lots on the 51.8 acre project site. Lots will range in size from 26,000 to 95,832 sq.feet. Site grading will be required to create building pads, internal roads and to correct potentially unstable slope conditions. Surficial materials include soil, alluvium, colluvium and landslide debris. Three landslides have been mapped on or near the property. In order to prepare the site for development, the County of LA requires that all onsite landslides be removed and recompacted. As a result, the vast majority of the site will be graded. Approximately 675,230 cubic yards of earth material will be removed and recompacted. Site grading will be balanced on-site and occur over 36+/- of the site's 51.8 acres.

Project Proponent: County of Ventura Department of Public Works
Agent: Ken Matasuka, P.E.
Project Name: Lewis Road Widening Project
Receiving Water: Calleguas Creek
City/County:
Project Status:
Comment Period: 7/23/03 to 8/22/03
Project Description: The purpose of this project is to accommodate future traffic due to the new California State University at Channel Islands campus expansion that was identified in their 1998 Campus Master Plan Final EIR. Future traffic volumes were projected to increase to more than twice the County's maximum for the existing roadway. Without widening Lewis Road, the future roadway and intersection levels of the service would be severely congested and the existing roadway shoulders would be too narrow to serve as bicycle lanes, significant and adverse air quality impacts would also occur in the future without the road widening. The project involves realigning and widening a 4.5 mile segment of Lewis Road; build a new intersection and 276-foot long bridge structure; and minor realignment of Hueneme and Laguna Roads.

Project Proponent: Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 7 - Division of Environmental Planning
Agent: Aziz Elattar, Office Chief
Project Name: Solstice Creek Fish Passage Project
Receiving Water: Solstice Creek, tributary to Pacific Ocean
City/County: Malibu/ Los Angeles
Project Status:
Comment Period: 7/23/03 to 8/22/03
Project Description: To modify the existing culvert located at Pacific Coast Highway to allow for fish passage through Solstice Creek. The project will consist of a fish ladder along the east wing wall, a series of check dams within the barrel of the culvert for a length of 39.05 meters (129 feet) and another fish ladder at a point located 7.31 meters (24 feet) from the end of the culvert and extending through the entire length of the outlet apron. The last ladder will partially remove the culvert bottom and the slab of the outlet apron.

Project Proponent: Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Agent:
Project Name: South Branch Arroyo Conejo Debris Basin Modification
Receiving Water: Arroyo Conejo, Calleguas Creek, Mugu Lagoon
City/County: Thousand Oaks/ Ventura
Project Status:
Comment Period: 7/23/03 to 8/22/03
Project Description: Convert the existing Arroyo Conejo debris basin to a detention basin located in the community of Newbury Park. The modified detention basin would retain 100-year flood flows and is needed to account for increased development within the watershed since basin construction. Project activities will include modification of the inlet weir, removal of sediment and associated vegetation that has accumulated on the south end of the basin, modification of the intake structure and outlet spillway, bank stabilization and construction of an access road and floodwalls.

Project Proponent: City of Thousand Oaks
Agent: Washington Infrastructure Services, Surafael Teshale Project Engineer
Project Name: Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) Thousand Oaks Sound Wall 123
Receiving Water: Calleguas Creek and Pacific Ocean
City/County:
Project Status:
Comment Period: 7/23/03 to 8/22/03
Project Description: construct approximately 715 meters (2346ft) of noise barrier along the southbound side of the Ventura Freeway (Route 101_ at the State right of way from 0.7km east of Wendy Drive to Wendy Drive in the City of Thousand Oaks. A portion of the proposed sound wall will be constructed adjacent to a freeway storm drain system. It is proposed that a 221-meter (725ft) earthen channel portion of said storm drain system would be regraded. An additional 93-meter (305ft) concrete channel portion of the storm drain system will b modified to accommodate the sound wall.

Project Proponent: City of Rosemead
Agent: Willdan
Project Name: Hellman Avenue Bridge Widening over the Alhambra Wash
Receiving Water: Alhambra Wash, Rio Hondo, Whittier Narrows Dam, Los Angeles River & Pacific Ocean
City/County: Rosemeade/ Los Angeles
Project Status:
Comment Period: 7/29/03 to 8/28/03
Project Description: Conceptual investigation thus far indicates that the most feasible replacement solution is to provide precast prestressed "I" girders supporting a reinforced concrete deck. The existing abutments, which also serve as channel walls, will be removed and reconstructed for the new bridge. It is anticipated that Hellman Avenue will be closed during construction. The construction of bridge abutments and superstructure will be done within the dry season. Traffic Management Plan will be developed for traffic detours during the construction with and around the project area. Evaluation f the impact of construction within Alhambra Wash will be conducted and will include code compliance for such issues as containment of waste or hazardous materials. It is anticipated that the hydraulic characteristics of the Wash will not be altered after the completion of the construction , given that fact the bridge soffit and channel walls remain the same. The proposed bridge will be 51 feet wide within the existing right-of-way and be joined in the existing approach roadway approximately 125 feet average from both ends of the bridge. It can accommodate a 34.5-foot wide roadway and one 5.5-foot and one 9-foot wide sidewalk. The roadway consists of two 12-foot traffic lanes and one 2.5 foot and one 8-foot shoulder.